

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~1. A method for processing multiple digital images using an~~
imaging input device so as to reduce bleeding of edges of the multiple digital
images by determining the boundaries of each of the multiple digital images,
comprising:

detecting a boundary of a first image;
detecting a boundary of a second image;
determining an overlap between the detected boundaries of the
first image and second images;
and modeling a third image from the calculated overlap of the
first and second images wherein the third image contains at least said first and
second images and represents a depiction of said first and second images
without an overlap between said first and second images;
~~calculating the overlap between the first and second images~~

2. The method according to **claim 1**, comprising:
wherein the step of determining an overlap of the first and second
images uses a maximum threshold value in at least an X-axial direction for the
first and second images.

~~3. The method according to **claim 1**, comprising:~~
wherein the step of determining an overlap of the first and second
images uses a minimum threshold value in a at least an X-axial direction for
~~the first and second images~~

4. The method according to **claim 1**, comprising:

wherein the step of determining an overlap of the first and second images further comprises:

determining a maximum threshold value in at least an X-axial direction for the first and second images,

determining a minimum threshold value in at least an X-axial direction for the first and second images, and

comparing the maximum and minimum values of the first and second images in a manner so as to ascertain an overlap between the first and second images.

5. The method according to **claim 4**, comprising:

wherein the step of comparing includes further at least determining if a minimum threshold value in the X-axial direction of the first image is greater than a maximum threshold value in the X-axial direction of the second image.

6. The method according to **claim 4**, comprising:

wherein the step of comparing includes further at least determining if a maximum threshold value in the X-axial direction of the first image is greater than a minimum threshold value in the X-axial direction of the second image.

~~7. The method according to **claim 4**, further comprising:~~

~~estimating the overlap of the first and second images in the X-axial direction by at least summing threshold values in the X-axial direction of the first and second images when an overlap between the first and second images is ascertained.~~

8. The method according to **claim 1**, comprising:

wherein the step of determining an overlap of the first and second images further comprises:

comparing a maximum value in the y-axial direction of the first image with a minimum value in the y-axial direction of the second image, and

comparing a minimum value in the y-axial direction of the first image with a maximum value in the y-axial direction of the second image.

~~9. A method for processing multiple digital images using an imaging~~

input device so as to reduce bleeding of contour edges of the multiple digital images by generating an object defined by contour edges of particular sets of the multiple digital images, comprising:

detecting a set of edges of a first object;

detecting a set of edges of a second object;

determining an overlap between the detected set of edges of the first and second objects;

calculating the overlap between the set of edges of the first and second objects; and

modeling a third object by ascertaining the calculated overlap of the first and second objects wherein the third object contains at least said first and second objects without an overlap of the set of edges of the first and second objects.

10. The method according to **claim 9**, comprising:

wherein the step of determining an overlap of the first and second objects uses a maximum threshold value in a horizontal direction of the set of edges of the first and second objects.

11. The method according to **claim 9**, comprising:
wherein the step of determining an overlap of the first and second objects uses a minimum threshold value in a horizontal direction of the set of edges of the first and second objects.

12. The method according **claim 9**, comprising:
wherein the step of determining an overlap of the set of edges of the first and second objects further comprises:
determining a maximum threshold value in at least a horizontal direction of the set of edges of the first and second objects,
determining a minimum threshold value in at least a horizontal direction of the set of edges of the first and second objects, and
comparing the maximum and minimum values of the set of edges of the first and second objects in a manner so as to determine if there is an overlap of the set of edges between the first and second objects.

13. The method according to **claim 12**, comprising:
wherein the step of comparing includes further at least determining if a minimum threshold value in the horizontal axial direction of a particular edge of the first object is greater than a maximum threshold value in the horizontal direction of a particular edge of the second object.

14. The method according to **claim 12**, comprising:
wherein the step of comparing includes further at least determining if a maximum threshold value in the horizontal direction of a particular edge of the first object is greater than a minimum threshold value in the horizontal direction of a particular edge of the second object.

~~15. The method according to **claim 12**, further comprising:
estimating the overlap of the set of edges of the first and second
objects in the horizontal direction by at least summing threshold values in the
horizontal direction of the first and second objects if there is ascertained an overlap
of the edges of the first and second objects.~~

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16. The method according to **claim 9**, comprising:
wherein the step of determining an overlap of set of edges of the first
and second objects further comprises:
comparing a maximum value in the vertical direction of the set of
edges of the first object with a minimum value in the vertical direction of the set of
edges of the second object, and
comparing a minimum value in the vertical direction of the set of
edges of the first object with a maximum value in the vertical direction of the set of
edges of the second object.